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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER PLANS EVENTS THAT BRING AWARENESS TO CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

FREDERICK, MD – The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of the Frederick County Citizens Services Division will hold events that are open to the public to bring awareness to child abuse prevention, including:

- April 2, 3:00 p.m. The City of Frederick proclamation ceremony (City Hall)
- April 3, 9:30 a.m. Board of County Commissioners proclamation ceremony (Winchester Hall)
- April 12, 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 2014 Interagency Basketball Games (Urbana High School sponsored by the Department of Juvenile Services to benefit <u>Friends of the CAC</u>)
- April 26, 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. Children's Festival (*Baker Park*)

CAC Director Lynn Davis commented, "We invite everyone to join us as we commemorate Child Abuse Prevention month during April with proclamations before the City's Mayor and Board of Aldermen and Frederick Board of County Commissioners. These and many other special events will emphasize the Child Advocacy Center's long tradition of promoting child wellbeing by providing a child- and family-focused center to address reports of child maltreatment. We use a multidisciplinary approach that includes investigation, prosecution, treatment and advocacy. CAC services are free to children who may have experienced physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect, and their non-offending parents, caregivers and siblings.

"We especially thank our community partners for their commitment to work together to stop the cycle of child abuse, as well as the Friends of the CAC for their on-going charitable contributions and volunteer support. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of many children and families in Frederick County."

CAC community partners include: City of Frederick, Department of Social Services, Frederick County Government, Frederick County Public Schools, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick Police Department, Friends of the CAC, Heartly House, Maryland State Police and State's Attorney's Office.

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